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What's New in Livingston?

Ascension Providence Hospital Mobile Heart and Vascular Screening Center

The new mobile unit screening center will be able to come to our community. The state of the art technology and ability to do all diagnostic studies will allow board certified physicians to evaluate and review the results. Then the results will be sent to the patient to share with their primary care physician. The screening includes:

- Health Risk Assessment
- Blood Pressure
- Body Mass Index (BMI)
- 12 Lead Electrocardiogram (EKG)
- Echocardiogram if clinically indicated

Ascension Providence has received a grant that allows them to offer these free. They are also able to offer them to students aged 13-19.

For more information or to schedule your on-site screening at your location, please call 586-381-1603



Collaboration Works

Severe Weather Network

The Livingston County Severe Weather Network has mastered the concept of collaboration. The group brought together 16 churches over 134 days to support the homeless in our county over the winter months. The program provides a hot meal and a bed each night at one of our local churches. They also provide breakfast in the morning before the guests leave. There is no cost to the guest and the entire program is facilitated by volunteers.

They expanded the support season this year to cover from December 1st through March 15th. They have 50 eligible guests who have completed the registration paperwork and 29 who have actually spent the night with the group. From December 1st through February 11th, they provided 726 nights of shelter. If these nights had to be covered at Kensington Inn with

emergency shelter funds, it would have cost approximately \$32,000.

The group has completed the paperwork to become a 501c3 and hope to work to establish a more consistent shelter experience in the future. The one item they did need to apply for support funds, was transportation. And despite LETS commitment to helping the last few years, we do not have public transportation that can accommodate all days and times. United Way was able to support those needs with funds reallocated by the Homeless Continuum of Care.

If you have any questions about the Severe Weather Network, please feel free to contact DJ Reed at djreed@chilsonhills.org.



2019 Community Connect by the Numbers

- 600 Participants
- 276 volunteers
- 275 exhibitors
- 32% were first time attendees
- 18% were seniors 60+
- 29 people received a Hep A Vaccine
- 13 People received a Flu Shot
- 18 People received Legal Consultation
- 33 Child ID and Fingerprinting
- 96 Health screenings
- 242 Exams (vision/dental/ear)
- 120 haircuts
- Items distributed
- 275 food packs
- 1,100 lunches served
- Clothing for 479
- Coats for 365
- Socks for 270
- Personal Bags for 600
- Laundry soap for 360
- Diaper packs for 150
- Blankets for 215
- Pet Food for 109

New VOCA Funding for our County

LACASA was recently awarded funding through a Victims of Crime Act grant to add seven new staff members who will provide clinical and community response services for sexual assault survivors.

Statistics in recent years support what we already know— all three of our focal areas (child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault) are significant issues in Livingston County. Child abuse and neglect cases rose 56% between 2009 and 2015, and DV cases increased almost 22% from 2015 to 2016. And, despite lower than average rates of all violent crime in Livingston County compared to state and national statistics, Livingston County has a much higher proportion of rape. Of the 147 violent crimes reported here in 2016, 50 (or 34%) were reported as rape. This is three times higher than the state average (11%), and more than four times the national average (8%) of rapes as a percentage of violent crime. This is even more alarming when we think about the



fact that only one third of rapes and sexual assaults are typically reported to police.

The good news is that the new VOCA funding places LACASA in a position to better serve survivors with counseling and advocacy. Included in the grant is funding for seven new positions: two adult sexual assault counselors; two child sexual assault counselors; two legal advocates; and one Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) manager.

The SART manager will lead a community response team made up of professionals who come into contact with victims and survivors of sexual violence including representatives from LACASA staff and Board of Directors, law enforcement, the prosecutor's office, court personnel and the Department of Health and Human Services. Survivors of sexual violence are also invited to join and bring an important voice to the team.

Transportation Update

Livingston County is in the final stage of developing a new Transit Master Plan. LETS and planners from AECOM have emphasized public engagement throughout the process by attending community events, giving presentations to stakeholder groups, and conducting two online surveys and two public open houses to gather feedback.

The final public open house on February 19th was attended by more than 130 people and included informational displays, presentations, and a questionnaire for attendees to provide feedback. Details of the draft plan were presented to the public, including identification of service needs and gaps, recommendations for new services, improvements to LETS demand-responsive service, and new finance and governance options.

The draft plan and supporting documents can be viewed at: <https://www.livgov.com/lets/Pages/plan.aspx>

The final plan will be presented to the Board of Commissioners on March 11th. The plan's recommendations will be implemented according to the Board's priorities and public support for the various options identified.

Thank you to all who participated and shared your insight, ideas, and hopes for improving mobility in Livingston County. If you have any additional questions, please contact Greg Kellogg, Director of LETS Transportation, at gkellogg@livgov.com.



Potential Impacts of the Government Shutdowns

Despite weather conditions and agency closures over the last couple of months, the real conversations were about how do we as a county prepare for the impacts of Government Shutdowns?

The potential implications are far and wide. HUD, the state agency that covers subsidized housing was preparing all of us for a reserve of only 90 days. If we had reached that threshold, Approximately 340 people would lose supportive funding in Livingston County. That in turn would be 340 landlords who would not receive rent. That in turn would be 340 evictions for inability to pay. That in turn would be 340 new homeless people. Take that same path with food programs, senior programs or mental health services. The potential to put a large number of our community members into crisis would be overwhelming.

It is always understood as these national conversation occur, that employees and families will

lose income and in turn become in crisis and in need of supports. That truly is only the tip of the iceberg, as the number of existing supportive services that would no longer be available would exasperate that overall number.

The Executive Committee of the HSCB saw those impacts coming and had already been having conversations and making plans for those impacts. They had reached out to know the numbers, know the timelines and identify “back-up” plans should the shutdown continue into those critical timelines. They were literally looking at safety nets for our most vulnerable.

Please know if the nation is looking at another shutdown, that there are people who you can turn to look at the impacts and help you make plans as an agency.

Together we can ensure our community members are safe during these unstable times.



Stories of Hope

In our work, we are often touched by the strength and resiliency of the people we provide services to. In this case, we have been awed by the dedication and commitment of one of our workgroup members.

Lou Ann Lathrop is a Supplier Operation Program Manager at Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (FCA). She is also a local landlord who has owned 4 units in the past, but more recently owns 2 in the county. Lou Ann has joined The Livingston County Housing Stability Task Force as part of the Motor Citizens program at FCA. This program provides their employees with 18 hours of paid volunteer time a year. Lou Ann has given us much more than that. She has created a Value Stream Map of our Eviction Diversion Program that has allowed us to truly quantify the program's results in saved tax payers dollars. For example, we know from 2016-2018, we have reduced the number of monthly evictions filed by 23% and we know that this program has been able to resolved 21% more of the cases before it reached the court process, but she made it possible to know that those

percentages equal about \$250,000 in savings annually to the court system costs.

She also has educated the group on many of the challenges our local landlords face. She is honest and hard working and often leaves the meeting with follow-up tasks. At the Third Annual Landlord Luncheon, Lou Ann was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and the Landlord of the Year Award to recognize all of the work she does. Without her, our work would not be moving forward in the direction we need. True to form, now that Lou Ann has finished her Value Stream Map for Eviction Diversion, she is looking for how to help the Council on Aging. And even the HSCB as a whole. She is a team player that adds value to each group she joins.

*Thank you Lou Ann
for all you do for
Livingston
County !*



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*Ensuring a system of support for
members of our community.*

What is the Purpose of the Livingston County HSCB?

The Livingston HSCB started in 1989 and was officially recognized as the county Multi-Purpose Collaborative Body by the state and county Board of Commissioners in 1995. Now, referred to as a Community Collaborative by the state, the HSCB is comprised of 26 appointed members that work together to coordinate health and human services across systems. The HSCB also:

- Develops strategies and programs to meet current and future needs
- Fiscally manages state-funded collaborative initiatives
- Monitors the effectiveness and efficiency of collaborative projects

The HSCB does this work through established committees and workgroups which have specific goals and objectives to complete. The HSCB and most workgroups meet monthly and consist of representatives from public and non-profit organizations, business, and interested residents of the county. To learn about the work of the HSCB, contact Anne Rennie at arennie@cmhliv.org.



Upcoming Events in Livingston

Livingston County Catholic Charities Salute to the Stars and Celebrity Dance Competition!

Saturday, March 9th at 6:30pm at Crystal Gardens

For more information, contact Julie at 517-545-5944 or get tickets at www.livingstoncatholiccharities.org.

The Salvation Army Vacation Bible School

Monday, March 25th through Friday, March 29th from 6PM—8 PM with dinner at 5:30 PM at the Salvation Army Corps Community Center. The program is FREE but registration is required.

For more information, contact Ashley at 517-295-3438 or ashley_longstreet@usc.salvationarmy.org.

2019 Caregiver Fair

Saturday, April 6th at the Brighton High School Cafeteria

For more information, contact Kim Konarski at 810-626-2137 or kimkonarski@hartlandschools.us.

15th Annual Livingston Regional Job Fair

Thursday, April 11th from 3 - 7 PM at Crystal Gardens in Howell. For more information, contact MI Works! Southeast at 517-546-7450.

Pain Management and Substance Use Disorder Training

Friday, April 12th from 10 am—12 pm at the EMS Building on Tooley Road in Howell. For more information, contact Patty Meyer at pmeyer@keycenters.org.

April Is National Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Pinwheels for Prevention—April 3rd at 12 pm at the Howell Carnegie Library

Denim Day—April 24th—wear jeans in support

Every 2 Minutes Film Event—April 26th at 7 pm at Historic Howell Theatre

Clothesline Project—A county-wide display of T-shirts

For more information about how to get involved or attend these events, contact Nicole at ncreech@lacasacenter.org.

2019 Community Mental Health Town Hall

May 7th from 5:30—7:30 at EMS Building on Tooley Road.

For more information contact Leslie Hall at lhall@cmhliv.org.



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